

Household Pulse Survey User Notes

Phase 3.4

Date: March 23, 2022

[Release Note on Phase 3.4 Collection of the Household Pulse Survey](#)

On March 2, 2022, the Household Pulse Survey (HPS) entered Phase 3.4. There have been multiple changes to the questionnaire, including the addition of new questions and the adjustment of existing questions (see Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire below).

Phase 3.4 is currently scheduled to collect data into May 2022. Phase 3.4 maintains the two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach that began with Phase 3.3. Please find the anticipated collection periods and data releases below.

Week 43 - March 2 - March 14, 2022 (data released on March 23, 2021)

Week 44 - March 30 - April 11, 2022 (data released April 20, 2022)

Week 45 - April 27 - May 9, 2022 (data released May 18, 2022)

Users can access the Phase 3.4 questionnaire on the [Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus \(COVID-10\) Pandemic](#) website, and all previous questionnaires from the survey are available on the [Technical Documentation](#) webpage.

[Release Note on New Content and Updated Questionnaire](#)

[New Questions for Phase 3.4](#)

Beginning with Week 43 (collection period March 2 – March 14, 2022), the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire changed to include the following items:

- A new question has been added on respondent's receipt or intention to receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster (RBOOSTER).
- A new question asks how children in the household who are enrolled in public or private school received their education during the past seven days (RCVEDUC1-RCVEDUC8).
- A new question asks if children in the household who are enrolled in public or private school engaged in a combination of in-person learning at school and other forms of learning, such as virtual instruction, during the past seven days (LEARNFMT).
- For households with children enrolled in public or private school, a new question asks how many days those students had real time contact with teachers via video, in person, or phone during the last week (SCHLHRS).
- A new question asks how many days during the past week the respondent or someone in their household has teleworked or worked from home (TWDAYS).
- The former question about receipt of the "Child Tax Credit" (CTC) in the last four weeks has been updated to ask if any adults in the household has claimed the CTC on their 2021 Federal

tax return (CTC_CLAIM; former variable name was CTC_YN). For households who have claimed the CTC on their tax return, a new question asks about receipt of the CTC (CTC_REFUND).

Updated Questions for Phase 3.4

Additionally, adjusted questionnaire items include:

- The response options for the question asking whether any children in the household have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination have been expanded to include children's age categories (KIDDOSES_5_11Y, KIDDOSES_12_17Y; former variable name was KIDDOSES).
- The response options for the question asking about vaccine plans for children in the household have been expanded to include children's age categories (KIDGETVAC_5_11Y, KIDGETVAC_12_17Y; former variable name was KIDGETVAC).
- The reference period for questions asking about applying or receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits has been updated from **June 1, 2021** to **January 1, 2022** (UI_APPLYRV, UI_RECVRV).

Release Note on Updated Phase 3.4 Table Specifications

Data users can find the most updated table specifications on the main [Technical Documentation](#) webpage. Changes to the tables include:

Child Tax Credit Table 1

The table was reformatted to reflect the new Child Tax Credit content. This update includes replacing columns for CTC_YN with columns for CTC_CLAIM and CTC_REFUND.

Education Table 5

A new table has been added showing learning formats for children in public or private school in the last seven days.

Education Table 6

A new table has been added showing the frequency of live contact with teachers for children enrolled in public or private school in the last seven days.

Health Table 5b

Two of the questions related to COVID-19 vaccines and children have been expanded to include response options for each reported child age category. This table has an updated universe to reflect households with children ages 5-11, whereas previously these tables only had data for households with children ages 5-17.

Health Table 5c

This table is structured exactly as Health Table 5b, but the universe is households with children ages 12-17 and not ages 5-11.

Spending Table 2

Stubs for the new content on number of days teleworked or worked from home during the past week were added to the bottom of the table.